going abroad for further studies. No. statistical data with regard to the Indian students going abroad for higher studies is, however, maintained by the UGC.

**Arunachal University**

2002. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for conversion of Arunachal University into a Central University;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In consonance with the provisions of the National Policy of Education, 1986, Central Government is not in favour of converting existing State universities into Central universities. The Government has decided to strengthen the University alongwith other State universities of the North Eastern Region.

**Admissions of SC/ST in IITs**

2003. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of admission of SC, ST and other candidates in the Indian Institute of Technology, year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether admission of SC, ST candidates has been very low as against the reservation of 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what policy measures are being taken by Government to ensure admission of SC/ST as per the reservation policy and since when?